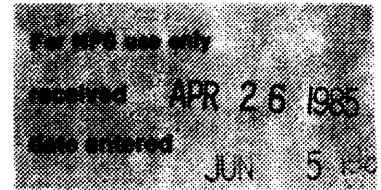


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The Berteling Building
228 W. Colfax
141-56045-598
d. 1905

OWNER: Marion and Naomi Forbes
c/o Irene Forbes
228 W. Colfax
South Bend, Indiana 46601

Photo #12, 13; Building #7

Description:

The Berteling (now Forbes) Building at the southeast corner of Colfax and Lafayette Streets is a three-story Commercial Style brick building with a projecting cornice and limestone lintels and sills.

Windows are one-over-one double-hung with a transom light. On the north (main) facade, the second floor center bay is punctuated by two paired narrow blind openings with a limestone lintel.

Significance:

The Berteling Building, built in 1905, is one of the earliest Commercial Style buildings constructed in South Bend. Built by Dr. John B. Berteling, the building first served as office space for several doctors, including Dr. Berteling. He began his practice in South Bend in 1888 when he returned to his alma mater, Notre Dame University, as both a professor of anatomy and physiology and as the attending physician to Notre Dame University and St. Mary's College. At the same time he began private practice in downtown South Bend.

Dr. Berteling, who held every office within the St. Joseph Medical Society, including president for two terms, was also president of the Indiana State Association. He is known as the "father of South Bend's model milk ordinance," an ordinance passed in 1928 and used as an example in many midwestern towns and cities.

By the 1920's, in addition to being used as doctors' offices, the occupancy began to diversify and housed music teachers, artists, and apartments. Included in this new group of occupants was Marjorie B. Galloway, daughter of Dr. Berteling, a concert pianist and music teacher.

Architecturally, the Berteling Building is an excellent example of the transformation from the commercial Italianate style to the Commercial Style in South Bend. It has remained virtually unaltered, both on the exterior and interior, in 79 years. Alterations include modernization of the first floor display window and a small, two-story rear addition put on prior to 1917.

UTM Reference: 16/562160/4614040

Acreage: Less than one acre

Legal:

Lots 4 and 5, 21' West end of Lot A Knoblock's Sub of Original Plat of South Bend 245-246

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